Report of the State Autonomy Committee of J&K

349. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH:
SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:
SHRI V.V.RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jammu and Kashmir Autonomy Committee Report has been lying with the Government of India since May, 1999,

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any measures to enter into consultations with the Government of Jammu and Kashmir and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have any prior indication that Jammu and Kashmir Assembly would pass a resolution endorsing the autonomy report;

(d) if so, whether any advice was given to the State Government before the resolution was passed by the Assembly; and

(e) if so, the nature of this advice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) No Sir. The Report of J & K State Autonomy Committee was received, from the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir, by the Centre in the last week of November 1999. As it was not clear as to whether the State Government had considered the Report, they were requested to apprise the Centre about their views/comments on the various recommendations. The State Government thereafter considered the Report of SAC and endorsed the recommendations and apprised the Centre about the same in the third week of January 2000.

(c) No, sir.

(d) and (e) question does not arise.

Advanced weapons for ultras by ISI

350. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that ISI arranges advanced weapons for ultras;

(b) if so, whether this will enable the militants to carry out fierce attacks on Indian security personnel and anti-Pak sections of the civilian population;